

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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Office of Canadian Relations

WHEREAS, there exists among Maine and its neighboring Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, a broad range of shared experience, cultural traditions, economic conditions, problems, and common goals including shared recognition of the urgent need to pursue economic development within a framework of responsible environmental regulation; and

WHEREAS, Maine enjoys with these provinces an increasing level of cooperation, commerce, and other interaction as the opportunities and need for cooperation are increasingly recognized by both public and private officials; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor, attach the highest importance to the pursuit of common goals and to the further strengthening of relations in all areas among Maine and our Canadian Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the multiplicity and complexity of such relations calls for direction and coordination by the Executive Department; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens have always been in the forefront in maintaining spontaneous and informal relations with their Canadian neighbors; and

WHEREAS, many areas of cooperation would benefit from the focused efforts of concerned Maine citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Kenneth M. Curtis, hereby establish the Office of Canadian Relations within the Executive Department, to have primary responsibility, under my direction, for the coordination of relations among State of Maine officials and Canadian officials at federal and provincial levels, and to have such further responsibilities within this area as I may from time to time direct.

The Purposes of the Office of Canadian Relations shall include, without limitation:

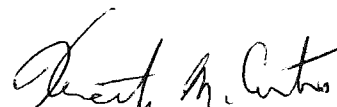
1. Study and evaluate existing activities in the State on both the governmental and private levels involving cooperation with Canada, and particularly with the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island.
2. Strengthen all areas of worthwhile regional cooperation with Canada and give coordination and direction to activities of Departments and other Agencies.
3. Determine new areas for fruitful regional cooperation with particular attention to the potential for economic development and environmental improvement.
4. Disseminate information on Canadian relations to the public.
5. Encourage economic, governmental, cultural, and educational exchanges and other modes of improved contact with our Canadian neighbors;
6. Supervise and direct the activities of the Maine, Quebec-Maritime Advisory Commission established pursuant to this Order.

AND, FURTHER, I hereby establish the Maine, Quebec-Maritime Advisory Commission, to foster strengthened relations between Maine and the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, with specific duties to be formulated by the Office of Canadian Relations.

There shall be twelve members of the Commission appointed by the Governor, each to serve a one year term, and the Governor shall designate a chairman. The Governor may appoint additional members on the recommendation of the Office of Canadian Relations.

The Commission members shall serve on two committees, a Committee on Quebec Affairs and a Committee on Maritime Affairs, each to have not less than six members designated by the Office of Canadian Relations, and to have such responsibilities as the Office of Canadian Relations may determine.

This Order shall continue in effect until rescinded.



Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor